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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent continuation-in-part application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert before the first line, after the title, the following:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Application No. 09/084,726, filed May 26, 1998, now abandoned.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 11, line 1,-delete "and" and substitute therefor --or--.

Claim 27, line 1, delete "and 26".

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